

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Docket No. 2015-327-S
CAROLINA WATER SERVICE

PETITION TO INTERVENE

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, moves to join this action as a Party of Record and to receive all motions, briefs, correspondence, and offers of settlement among the parties.

The reasons for this petition are as follows:

1. Pursuant to S.C. Regs., Section 103-825.A(3), the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (Petitioner or DHEC) petitions to intervene in this matter as DHEC is a South Carolina state agency charged with enforcing environmental laws and regulations throughout the state. DHEC is also the sole advisor to the State in all questions involving protection of the public health. S.C. Code Ann, Section 44-1-110 (Rev. 2002).
2. Carolina Water Service (CWS) is required to obtain and maintain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, issued by DHEC, in order to discharge to state waters. DHEC has issued a Notice of Intent to Deny a renewal of the NPDES permit for the CWS I-20 Wastewater Treatment Plant in Lexington County. This Notice of Intent to Deny is based upon the unachieved requirement for CWS to connect to Town of Lexington's regional sewer system. Approximately, 2,100 customers rely upon CWS for their sewer service. Therefore, DHEC has an interest in the outcome of CWS's application and any future application impacting the delivery of sewer service to the area.
3. DHEC has been a longstanding proponent of regionalizing wastewater treatment in Lexington County and eliminating the CWS 1-20 plant's discharges into the Saluda River. This is based on the requirements of a regional sewer management plan, prepared by the Central Midlands Council of Governments, pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act. DHEC is an interested party and finds it necessary to intervene in this matter.
4. DHEC supports a solution which will allow the citizens impacted by CWS's provision of sewer services to receive such services in compliance with laws and regulations and to eliminate this discharge into the scenic Lower Saluda River.

Respectfully submitted by,



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